



Message from the Pastor: *Neighborhood*

I remember it like it was yesterday. I would run to the TV when it was time for one of my favorite shows to come on. I would light up and start to sing along with the theme song, “It’s a beautiful day in this neighborhood, a beautiful day for a neighbor, would you be mine? Could you be mine?” The show was *Mister Roger’s Neighborhood* and it was my favorite when I was kid. I even got really excited when the movie about Mr. Rogers came out a couple of years ago; yes, I even teared up in the movie.

I have come to look up to this humble man who had a heart for children. Mr. Rogers had a deep belief that his show *Mister Roger’s Neighborhood* was his way of “repairing” or redeeming creation and he was very serious about his work. Fred Rogers believed that he had a calling from heaven that influenced his motives for his work as well as what he put on the air. His faith influenced how he went about his work in three main ways that I have been trying to emulate.

The first thing he did each morning was to commit himself to the reading of Scripture. The Word of God so influenced his life and work and he knew that without the daily reading of Scripture, he would have been unable to demonstrate effectively the love of Christ on his tv show and do his part to change the world. In fact one of Rogers’ former staff members once said, “I think [Fred} had very Christlike qualities, and that is part of what drew children. Children know a fraud more than anyone He was one of the most authentic and Christlike people that I have ever known.”

Second, when he got to the studio every day he would pray over his work and his team’s work. He once said, “I’m so convinced that the space between the television set and the viewer is holy ground. And what we put on the television can, by the Holy Spirit, be translated into what this person needs to hear and see, and without that translation it’s all dross as far as I’m concerned. When I walk in that studio door each day, I say, ‘Dear God, let some word that is heard be Yours.’” Fred Rogers worked really hard at communicating the gospel through his work, but he ultimately relied on the Holy Spirit to work in the lives of his audience.

Third, his faith compelled him to work with an “iron insistence upon meeting the highest standards without qualification.” His definition of excellence was very different from that of other children’s television producers of the time who focused on big sets, flashy special effects, and the highest production value. None of those things were essential in the eyes of Fred Rogers. One of the things that I tell my fellow ministers is that you can have all the new toys, lights, smoke machines, etc... and it will draw lots of people. I also warn them that with all that flashy stuff, the easiest thing to lose sight of is the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus. Fred Rogers taught me this over time.

A quote on his desk said, “What is essential is invisible to the eye.” His standards applied to how he and his staff loved people on and off-air and how well the show would communicate difficult concepts to children. One of episodes I remember most was when Mr. Rogers put his feet in the same pool as a Black man who played Police Officer Clemmons. That was a big deal in the 1960’s because Blacks were not allowed to swim alongside whites; this episode broke the color barrier. When that scene was done, Mr. Rogers handed Officer Clemmons his towel to dry his feet off with; then Mr. Rogers used the same towel to dry his own feet-- showing a powerful message to his viewers. Mr. Rogers was known for scripting out every single word of *Neighborhood* and even rewriting the scripts in the middle of production to make sure they were speaking in the clearest and most loving terms to the show’s viewers. One of the Bible verses that Mr. Rogers relied on is Colossians 3:17: “*And whatever you do in word or in deed do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*” Fred Rogers believed that we are called to do our work for the glory of God and the good of others, and only our most excellent work will do.

A couple of months after I came to FBC Brady, our music leader Karen Behrens led us in a song called “The Potter’s Hand” by Darlene Zschech. Here’s the first verse and chorus:

Beautiful Lord, Wonderful Savior, I know for sure, all of my days are held in your hands, crafted into your perfect plan. You gently call me into your presence guiding me by Your Holy Spirit. Teach me, dear Lord, to live all my life through your eyes. I’m captured by Your holy calling; set me apart, I know you’re drawing me to yourself. Lead me, Lord. I pray.

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me, I give my life to the Potter’s hand. Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me, I give my life to the Potter’s hand.

Over the past year and a half I have grown to love this song. If Fred Rogers were still alive, I believe he would agree with these words.

In 1993 Officer Clemmons made his last appearance on the show. Both men had their feet in the pool, but this time it was different: Mr. Rogers dried the officer’s feet himself. The man who played Officer Clemmons would later say about that scene, “He saw a connection to Jesus washing the disciples’ feet and it was very moving. I am a Black man and Fred washed my feet.” Fred Rogers allowed God to mold him and shape him in such a way that in everything he did it brought glory to Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. I hope and pray we all learn from his example and allow that God-given calling in our lives to flourish so the Gospel of Jesus can touch the people around us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Won’t you be my neighbor?

—Pastor Jeff

Children's Ministry on Easter Sunday: don't miss it!

by Marsha Gainer

Children's Ministry Team Lead

The Children's Team has added a new program on Sunday nights from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. during the adult Bible study. This program is focusing on developing Bible skills. We had a wonderful turn out on our first evening.

We are also looking forward to our Easter Sunday Children's service from 9:30 to 12:00 on Easter Sunday morning in the Family Life Center. This service will feature breakfast, an Easter Egg Hunt, the Resurrection Story, crafts, and games. We will need stuffed eggs for the hunt. Everyone is invited to take part in this Easter celebration.

Forgiveness

by Karen Behrens, Music Team Lead

Have you ever watched that movie Forrest Gump? He had some of the best quotes of any movie I believe I have watched. One of my favorites is, "My Mama always said you've got to put the past behind you before you can move on." Pastor Jeff spoke about that very thing in one of his sermons. It reminds me of forgiving those that we may be holding a grudge against, or when we just can't let something go when someone wrongs us. It is important for us to look ahead and move forward. God already wrote our story. He knows the beginning and the end.

I have always tried to make the best of situations that life throws at me. It doesn't mean that it is going to be easy, but if I just keep on trucking, I know God will lead the way.

Who are you needing to call and forgive? Maybe it is a family member or a friend. It will be the best thing you can do.

Mission Team Report

Betty Smith, Missions Team Lead

Your Mission Team met on March 22 for our monthly meeting. We were anticipating hearing from The Resource Center

but they were unable to come. So we look forward to hearing from them in April.

A small load of items was delivered to The Haven.

As of Sunday, March 27, we have collected \$860 towards our goal of \$2,000 for the Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions. We will continue collecting that thru the month of April.

Sunday, March 27th, we also took a special offering for the Texas Baptist Men working in Ukraine, and you gave \$2000. This is fantastic! Thank you for your generosity. Please pray for Texas Baptist Men and their widespread relief work.

Our Food Pantry continues to see lower numbers than we once had, but we are serving those God sends to us. We gave out to about 40 families for March.

Eight members of FBC gathered one Saturday morning in March to pass out door hangers (packets of info about the Gospel and our church) and meet people in the Trails Apartments as well as a subdivision and other apartments down past the hospital. Plans are to do this several more times.

As the weather warms up we will have more opportunities to serve our God. Be ready and willing.

Thank you!

Thank you, church family, for helping make and deliver meals throughout the past month to the Tetens family. There were 10 slots to sign up for and the response was so quick! What a blessing to have a new baby in the church along with a supportive congregation!

Greg and Shelly Torres
Meal Train ministry

The Chosen

On Sunday, March 20, we began a church wide Bible study over what it means to be chosen by God. The background of the study is from the television series The Chosen, a series about the life of Jesus and his followers that has captured the hearts and minds of millions of people. Jesus chose 12 ordinary men

that I am sure would not be on anybody's top 10 list, but Jesus takes them and changes the world through them. God is using this television series as an opening all over the world to present the gospel and bring people to Jesus.

We are looking at topics like resting in God, being cherished by God, being made new, and being established.

Everyone is invited to come on Sundays at 6 PM. The main point of the study is to understand what it means to be chosen by God and how we are to live our lives. If Jesus can take Simon Peter and make him the best pastor the church of Jesus has known, imagine what Jesus can do with you and me when we come to Him with an open heart. The last Sunday for the study will be May 15th because we won't meet on Easter Sunday. —Pastor Jeff

Painting project update

Back in August of 2021 the church voted to repaint the entrances, hallways, door frames, and fellowship hall. A church member graciously donated the money to hire a painter to complete that project. The painting happened the week of March 14th. The next thing that will take place in the near future will be laying down new floors as well.

During the week the painter was here, I had the privilege to spend lots of time with him since someone needed to be in the building while it was being painted. The painter asked lots of questions about faith and what it meant to be a better Christian. It showed me that God can even use the process of painting to open the doors for the Gospel.

I want to personally thank the church for being a place where everyone is welcome and the love of Jesus is on display. If you haven't seen the new colors come on by and note the new floors will be put down soon.

God Bless,
Pastor Jeff!

Thank
you!



April 2022 Bible Reading Schedule

Week 1

- April 1st – Judges 6-7
- April 2nd – Judges 8-9

Week 2

- April 3rd – Judges 10-12
- April 4th – Judges 13-15
- April 5th – Judges 16-18
- April 6th – Judges 19-21
- April 7th – Ruth
- April 8th – 1 Samuel 1-3
- April 9th – 1 Samuel 4-8

Week 3

- April 10th – 1 Samuel 9-12
- April 11th – 1 Samuel 13-14
- April 12th – 1 Samuel 15-17
- April 13th – 1 Samuel 18-20, Ps. 11&59
- April 14th – 1 Samuel 21-24
- April 15th – Psalm 7, 27, 31, 34, 52
- April 16th – Psalm 56, 120, 140-142

Week 4

- April 17th – 1 Samuel 25-27
- April 18th – Psalm 17, 35, 54, 63
- April 19th – 1 Samuel 28-31, Ps. 18
- April 20th – Ps. 121,123-125,128-130
- April 21st – 2 Samuel 1-4
- April 22nd – Ps. 6, 8-10, 14, 19, 21
- April 23rd – 1 Chronicles 1-2

Week 5

- April 24th – Ps. 43-45, 49, 84-85,87
- April 25th – 1 Chronicles 3-5
- April 26th – Ps. 73, 77-78
- April 27th – 1 Chronicles 6
- April 28th – Psalm 81, 88, 92-93
- April 29th – 1 Chronicles 7-10
- April 30th – Psalm 102-104

Memory Verse(s) for April 2022:

You are my shelter and my shield; I put my hope in your word.
Psalm 119:114 (CSB)

April radio spots

Pat Matula 4-8
Judy Mitzel 11-15
Janis Groves 18-22
Betty Smith 25-29

Deacons on call in April

Buddy Cox 409-673-7916
Farion Morton 792-6596

April birthdays

4-1 Bill Burns
4-3 Tanzee Shedd
4-4 Sherry Cox,
Mabel Jones
4-5 Farion Morton
4-6 Robert Reeves
4-7 Austin Reeves
4-13 Becky Elliott
4-15 Jonathan Torres
4-22 Glenda Douglas
4-28 Shelly Torres
4-30 Carrie Pearson,
Toney Urban

April events

4-3 Deacons meeting, 5:00
4-4 LIBA breakfast, Down Home
Country Cooking, 8:30
4-8 Food Pantry food distribution,
9:00-11:00
4-10 Church Council, 5:00
4-13 Community Easter-week service at Richards Park; fish fry to follow; time TBA
4-17 Easter Sunday
Special activities for kids in the FLC
4-24 Business meeting 5:00
4-26 Senior Adult Day at HOT Camp and Retreat, 10:00-3:00

Quilting/Craft Ministry

Plans and ideas are being considered for a restart of our quilting ministry, including expanding it so other crafters are welcome. For those who enjoy crocheting, knitting, making cards, etc., or who would like to learn, please talk to Bev Waisner (765-586-5448). She has invited anyone interested to meet in the craft room at her home (104 W. Walker) on Wednesdays at 2:00.

March Food Pantry

39 adults 65 and over
31 adults 64 and under
9 children 18 and under
79 individuals in all
41 families



God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Psalm 46:1

- Bro. Jeff Quattlebaum, Misty, Regan, and Sam
 - our church staff and preschool
 - Victims of the war in Ukraine; Texas Baptist Men on mission there
 - our members in care facilities and our homebound members
 - the lost and unchurched in our community
 - Brady children & youth
 - McKenna Brandenberger on mission
- Wyatt & Francisca Anderson
Marshall Armstrong
Pete and Oralia Barrera
Holden Bedwell

- Randy and Carol Bedwell
Jeanagayle Behrens
Amelia Britteon
Bill and Wanda Burns
Sherry Cox
Charlie and Maria Garcia
Randi Lee Green
Tony, Janis, & Holly Groves
Roy and Janet Guthrie
Kim Hendley
Velma Hendley
Ronnie, Kay, & Cathy Holloway
Trey Holtzclaw
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Leslie Jones
Bobby and Colleen Laman
Terry Lange
Janie Lowery
James Mallow
Erika Moore

- Louise Morrow
Lois Patton
Kobi Penz
Carole Ramsey
Vincent and Karen Perez
James and Norma Ridout
Carlton Rizer
Kelly Rushfeldt
Ashlee Shaw
Edith Slaughter
Blandi Thomas
Jack and Susan Turk
Misty Urban
Sherry Vensen
Linda Wall
Bobby and Bobbie Williams
- In military:*
Jon Bradshaw
Brandon Haymon
David Hernandez

- Jose Lopez
Moses Marmolejo
Jennifer McAnally
Concho Moore
Brandon Pfannenstiel
Jace Telford
Joseph Telford
Jonathan Torres
Wes Stark
Justin Williams
Ricky Williams, Jr.

We pray for comfort and guidance for the families of Miguel Muniz, Hannah Artinger, Greg Jordan, Lillian Johnson, and Martha Hemphill.


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Psalm 119:114
(CSB)

April at Godly Impressions Preschool
Theme: Where flowers bloom, so does hope.
Verse: “He has risen.” Matthew 28:6
Shape: Oval
Color: Purple
Numbers: 1-5



Spring is finally here! The focus in the preschool this month is the new life that springtime brings and how that relates to the true meaning of Easter. We have also welcomed a new teacher to the staff. Mollie Bates is the new teacher for our younger three’s class, and she is amazing!

The teachers have so many spring and Easter activities planned for the kids, this month is definitely going to be fun filled!

Blessings,
Meredith Navarette, Director

Birth Announcement

Lilly Dianne Tetens
Born February 28, 2022, at 9:01 AM
Shannon Hospital, San Angelo, TX
6 lbs 1 oz, 19 1/4 inches
Parents: Robert and Amy Tetens
Grandparents: Carrie Pearson, Lee and Jane Tetens

Congratulations to all!
Welcome, Baby Lilly!

